

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than twenty million people in the United States, including 350,000 South Carolinians, suffer from diabetes, yet approximately one - third of these people are unaware that they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, with one in seven African-Americans affected, South Carolina has the 3<sup>d</sup> highest rate in the nation and a mortality rate, especially among African-American women, 2 to 3 times that for whites; and

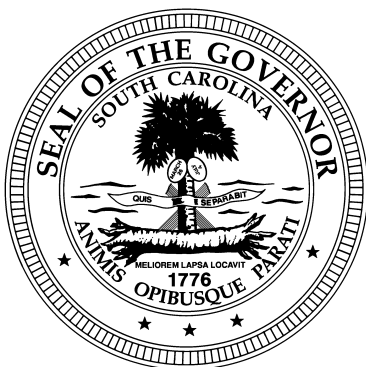
WHEREAS, uncontrolled diabetes can lead to many complications, including blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, stroke, and amputations; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Living with Diabetes: You Are Not Alone," the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual African-American Conference on Diabetes focuses on standards of care and self-management for controlling this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2006 as

### DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support efforts to raise awareness of diabetes and the benefits of early diagnosis.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA